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Philadelphia Marathon. Runners pound the streets to raise cash for medical research. PAGE 03

Runners celebrate crossing the finish line of the Gore-Tex Philadelphia Marathon on Sunday. Some 30,000 people participated in the 13.1-mile half-marathon and the 26.2-mile marathon, which started and ended in front of the Art Museum on the Ben Franklin Parkway. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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Radio host readies for Turkey Drop

LOVE Park. 102.9 MGK radio host John DeBella prepares for his annual turkey drive.

Mayor Michael Nutter dropped in to chat with 102.9 MGK's John DeBella last year. / CONTRIBUTED

"The need doesn't get less, so neither can our actions," morning radio host John DeBella said as he planned this year's Thanksgiving Turkey Drop.

For 29 years, DeBella has been hosting an annual turkey drop. He started the tradition nearly three decades ago at WMMR, and when he switched to 102.9 MGK 13 years ago, he kept the Thanksgiving donation drive alive.

On Tuesday, Nov. 25, between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m., the on-air personality and his partners, City Team Philadelphia, will broadcast live from LOVE Park. During the event, staff will also collect turkeys, coupons and donations at Giant Food Stores across the tri-state area.

The annual drive benefits shelters, veterans, churches and families in need.

After the Turkey Drop, City Team will spend the next 24 hours delivering about 10,000 turkeys. Last year the team delivered about 9,000 turkeys.

"I usually never estimate, I just pray," DeBella said.

Some recipients will get fresh or frozen birds to cook themselves. Others will receive precooked gobblers.

Decades ago, a newspaper ad which read, "$10 will buy meals for five people," caught DeBella's attention. He asked listeners to collect turkeys for the needy — first 100, then 500 the next year, and so on.

"I understand the drive to beat yesterday's numbers, but it's more than a feeling when you understand that over 25 percent of this city lives below the poverty line," said DeBella.

In the summer, DeBella also hosts a Radiothon — now in its eighth year — which benefits the Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service Center. This year, the fundraiser yielded $144,173; one of this year's biggest contributors was singer Rod Stewart, who donated $10,000 to the cause. In its eight years, the event has raised nearly $650,000.

This week, DeBella will personally drop off more than 25 turkeys at the N. 4th Street Vets center.

"Even if you hate war, it's about loving and caring for the warrior," said DeBella.

DeBella said turkey donations are down this year, but is remaining optimistic. "But there's a funny thing that happens on the day of the event — people with the least always give the most."

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Other ways to donate

The African Daughters of Fine Lineage: Meals will be served from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Municipal Services Building.

- Church of the Advocate, located at 1801 Diamond Street, serves food Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Visit **Metro.us** to learn about more ways to give this season.

Philadelphia

Louie the stolen dog is home and sleeping

Louie, a dog missing for 44 days after the car he was sitting in was stolen, has been sleeping almost nonstop since returning home Friday, his owner said.

"It's definitely a combination of hunger and just finally being in a safe and warm spot where he doesn't have to watch his back," said JJ Pierce, Louie's owner. "I think he's just going to sleep for a couple weeks straight."

Pierce left Louie in her car while she ran into a South Philly Home Depot on Oct. 9. She came out minutes later to find the car broken into and stolen.

The car was later found in North Philly, but Louie was gone.

Volunteers known as "Team Louie" passed out fliers, organized search parties for Louie, and established a $3,000 reward.

A couple contacted the group on Friday and led them to Louie, about 15 pounds lighter but otherwise healthy.

"I can definitely tell that he's been through a lot," Pierce said.

SAM NEWHOUSE

Pierce, after reuniting with Louie / PHOTO COURTESY JJ PIERCE

He's back. 'Mayfair Tire Slasher' suspected in vandalism

Toledo / FILE PHOTO

The notorious "Mayfair Tire Slasher" may be at it again.

David Toledo, 46, was arrested Saturday for vandalizing a SEPTA vehicle's tire on the 1600 block of Creston Street around 5:30 a.m., police said.

Toledo, who is on probation after he was found guilty of slashing tires in 2012, allegedly stuck nails to the glue-side of a mousetrap and stuck it into a tire on the vehicle.

Police said a SEPTA employee was in the car and saw Toledo bending down near a rear tire around 6 a.m.

Another employee, parked on the same block, told police he saw Toledo place an unknown object close to the vehicle's tire.

The other employee said he then saw Toledo walk into a home on the block. Toledo lives on that block, police said.

A police investigation led to Toledo, who was arrested and charged with harassment, possession of an instrument of crime with intent and criminal mischief.

He was arrested and released after posting 10 percent of a $25,000 bail.

In February, Toledo was found guilty of 15 of 60 counts of criminal mischief and related offenses for slashing car tires in Northeast Philadelphia over the spring and summer of 2012. METRO

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South Jersey

Mother who shot her children dies days later

A New Jersey mother who shot and killed two of her children and critically wounded a third before turning the gun on herself died on Sunday, three days after the shootings, New Jersey State Police said.

Jeaninne LePage, 44, had been hospitalized in critical condition at Cooper University Hospital in Camden, New Jersey, since the Thursday morning shootings at a home in Tabernacle, New Jersey.

On Sunday, state police said she had died, but gave no further details. REUTERS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
PHILADELPHIA HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) is a participant in the Moving to Work Demonstration Program (MTW). PHA was initially selected to participate in the MTW Program in 2001. In October 2008, PHA entered into an Amended and Restated Moving to Work Agreement (MTW Agreement) with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which has subsequently been further amended.

The MTW Agreement defines the terms and conditions under which PHA is a participant in the MTW Program. The MTW Agreement requires that PHA submit an MTW Annual Plan for HUD review and approval. PHA is seeking public review and comments on the proposed FY 2016 MTW Annual Plan. The Annual Plan describes PHA's MTW proposed policy initiatives and activities for the period from April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016. PHA is also soliciting public comments on its Strategic Directions Plan which identifies strategic goals and initiatives for the five year period beginning in 2015.

Additional information regarding the proposed Annual Plan and Strategic Directions Plan are available for public review on PHA's website at **www.pha.phila.gov** under the "Latest News" section or may be picked up at the following locations:

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PHA residents, Housing Choice Voucher participants, and the general public may attend and provide comments at the Public Hearing and/or submit written comments on these proposed actions any time during the comment period.

The Public Hearing is scheduled for December 1, 2014, from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the John F. Street Center, 1100 Poplar Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123, Multipurpose Room

Only comments pertaining to the proposed actions noted above are being solicited. The comment period begins on November 17, 2014 at noon and ends December 17, 2014 at noon. All comments must be received by the end of the comment period. **Please send your written comments to: Philadelphia Housing Authority, Office of Policy, Research and Enterprise Planning, Attention: MTW Comments / Strategic Directions Plan, 12 S. 23rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103**

The Public Hearing is being held in an accessible location. If you require assistance, sign language interpreter, or other accommodations, please call 215-684-4000. Please use the AT&T Relay Service for TTY.

Philadelphia Housing Authority

Dain Saint, co-founder of the Philadelphia Game Forge
CHARLES MOSTOLLER/METRO

Video game developers pushing right buttons

Press start. The man who brought Tetris to the facade of Cira Centre brings in $200,000 for Drexel video game students.

Video game developers in Philadelphia are powering up.

Three universities in Pennsylvania, including Drexel University, will receive a total of $750,000, the state announced Thursday — that means $200,000 per university to help grow the video gaming industry, and $150,000 for joint projects like gamers conferences.

Professor Frank Lee, who runs Drexel's Entrepreneurial Game Studio, said the money will help student groups develop mobile games under the university's guidance.

"My purpose is for them to learn entrepreneurship and fail under the safety of Drexel," Lee said.

The grants will boost the local tech scene, says Lee. Here's why: The local startup incubators can provide space for this influx of the assumed-to-be more prepared talent, and provide them with real-world experience.

Enter the Philly Game Forge, which started as a co-working space for small video game startups, but is evolving into an incubator that can offer Lee's students space and a plan to apply their education to the real world.

Dain Saint, who co-runs studio Cipher Prime and helped start the Forge more than a year ago, compared the burgeoning video game scene to the city's beer scene.

"We have a lot of smaller brewers," Saint said. "And nobody is saying in order for the beer industry to do well we need to bring in a Budweiser. We're celebrating the small, independent spirit."

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Quoted

"You can come here, you can go to school, you can go through Frank Lee's program, but when you get out and you're ready to go into the real world and make a game, that's where we come in." Saint

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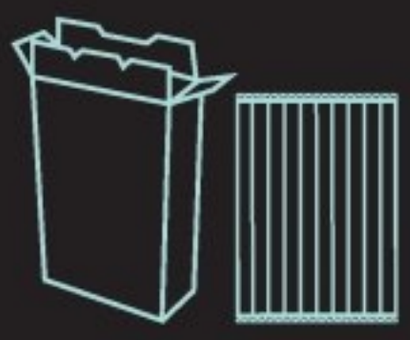

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Marathoners run with a purpose

Marathon. More than 30,000 runners took to the city's streets for the Gore-Tex Marathon.

Runners from across the country gathered in the predawn darkness on Sunday to participate in the Gore-Tex Philadelphia Marathon, each for their own reasons.

Security was tight after the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings, but spirits were high as wave after wave of runners took off from 22nd Street and the Ben Franklin Parkway at 7 a.m.

Many runners participated in the race to raise money for charity.

"It felt pretty good to run for a reason," said Dennis D'Urso, 25, a local medical student from Boston who ran the half-marathon to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association — Delaware Valley Chapter.

Some 30,000 people ran in the 13.1-mile half-marathon and the 26.2-mile marathon this past weekend. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER/METRO

Seeing the city

The 26.2-mile course runs from Center City through Manayunk. Men's and women's winners were:

- Dan Vassallo, 29, of Peabody, Mass., finished in 2 hours, 17 minutes.
- Leonora Petrina, 32, of Long Island, N.Y., finished in 2 hours, 40 minutes.

D'Urso said he chose the charity to honor a relative who'd lost the battle with the brain-wasting disease, and a cousin, an avid jogger, who's also passed away. D'Urso said his family was on his mind throughout the run.

The Alzheimer's group had 148 runners in the marathon, organizers said, raising about $128,000 for medical research.

Forty runners ran for Alex's Lemonade Stand, raising $24,000 for the cancer research charity — enough to fund three months of research, organizers said.

The Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House raised about $10,000 with 28 runners.

"It's a great way to collect your thoughts and get away from the world," said Rory Diamond, 27, who braved 7-foot snowfalls in his hometown of Buffalo, New York, to reach Philadelphia for the — fortunately — snow-free run. "I just enjoy it. You find your niche."

Other runners were in the marathon just for fun and sightseeing.

"I'm an urban planner, so I like running in cities — and I heard Philly has one of the best city routes," said Jinny Kanduja, 28, of New York.

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Activists prep immigrants for new rules

Immigrant rights activists gather to celebrate Obama's executive action. / GETTY IMAGES

Scams. They warn that unscrupulous types might try to take advantage in the excitement.

Immigrant rights groups across the U.S., cheering President Barack Obama's move to halt deportations, are already busy advising undocumented people how to take advantage of the changes.

Gathering documents such as birth certificates and rent receipts to prove eligibility is a necessary first step, according to Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto, California.

The nonprofit organization is also warning that scam artists may try to profit from excitement before the application system is up and running, which could take months.

Another group called Michigan United plans informational sessions for immigrants in Detroit next month.

And in Texas, a new hotline from the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services will soon provide as much as 45 minutes of guidance on how to navigate the process without an attorney.

Obama's executive order, the biggest reprieve for undocumented immigrants in a generation, has people who have lived clandestinely for years weighing whether to apply for protection from deportation that may not much outlast the president's time in office.

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"I'm going to take advantage of this new plan, although I know that we can't be sure about what is going to happen five years down the road. ... It's not the solution that we are looking for, but now we have time to keep fighting for something more."

Carolina Rivera, a 40-year-old mother of three U.S.-born children whose husband was deported a decade ago. She has lived in Chicago since emigrating from Mexico 22 years ago and has worked here illegally ever since.

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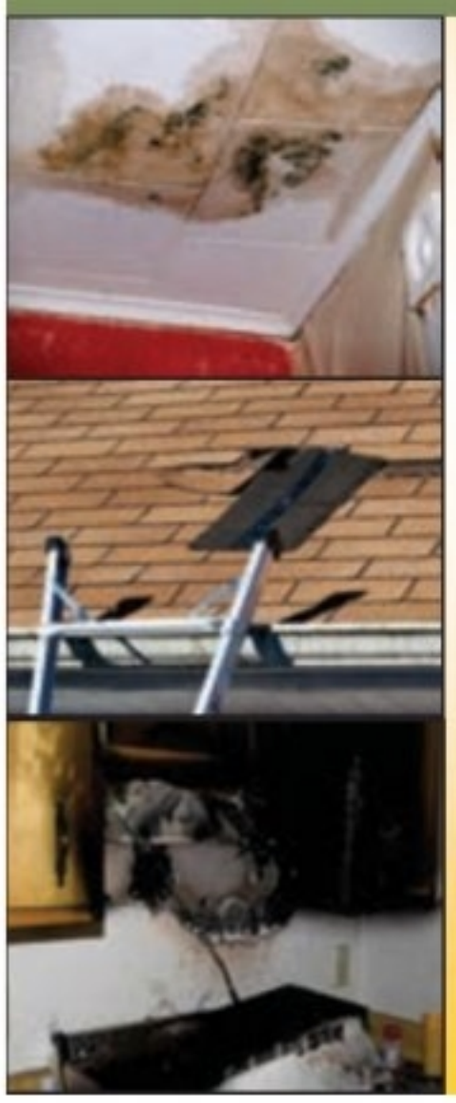

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Obama announced on Thursday he was easing the threat of deportation for millions of undocumented immigrants. His measures include allowing some 4.4 million people who are parents of U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents and who have been in the country for five years to remain in the country temporarily, with the right to work.
Obama delivers remarks on his executive authority on immigration in Las Vegas. / GETTY IMAGES

Obama to Republican critics: 'Pass a bill'

GOP. Republicans have been divided on how to respond to the executive order.

President Barack Obama shrugged off criticism of his executive action on immigration with a challenge to House of Representatives Republicans: If you don't like it, do something.

Obama was asked in an interview broadcast on Sunday about House Speaker John Boehner's assertion that he was acting like an emperor in using executive powers to tackle the issue of the 11 million immigrants living in America without documents.

"Well, my response is pass a bill," Obama said in the interview with ABC's "This Week" taped on Friday. "Congress has a responsibility to deal with these issues, and there are some things that I can't do on my own."

Obama cited a bipartisan immigration bill passed by the Senate last year and urged the House to take it up. Boehner has not given any indication he will act on immigration this year. REUTERS

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Boston. Crazy morning at Logan Airport involves Curt Schilling, fake grenade, naked man

Saturday was anything but ordinary for security workers at Logan International Airport.

The action-packed day kicked off around 7 a.m. with a visit from the bomb squad after former Red Sox pitcher and ESPN analyst Curt Schilling's 12-year-old son Don accidentally brought a fake plastic grenade through a security checkpoint.

TSA personnel took the Schilling family into a private room so they could explain the goof, according to Massport, and there were no delays.

Then the day took a more serious turn.

Two men are due in East Boston District Court on Monday to be charged in separate incidents at the airport.

Cameron Shenk, 26, of Boston is facing a slew of charges, including attempted murder, mayhem and assault and battery on a person over 60, for allegedly stripping naked inside a women's restroom on the upper level of Terminal C around noon.

The women's restroom at Logan's Teminal C / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Police said Shenk removed his clothing, then climbed into the drop ceiling before plummeting to the floor and sustaining cuts to his head and body.

Shenk then fled from the ladies' restroom naked and bleeding, police said, and proceeded to attack an 84-year-old man. The victim sustained non-life-threatening injuries.

As police arrested him, Shenk allegedly injured a state trooper.

Thirty minutes before the naked Shenk dropped from the ladies' room ceiling, police arrested Anton Hilton, 52, of Roxbury, at the lower level of Terminal E. Troopers responded to a report of a disturbance involving a woman screaming from inside a BMW with a broken windshield.

Hilton was allegedly driving the car before he assaulted the 21-year-old woman in the passenger seat. He now faces charges of assault and battery as well as kidnapping.

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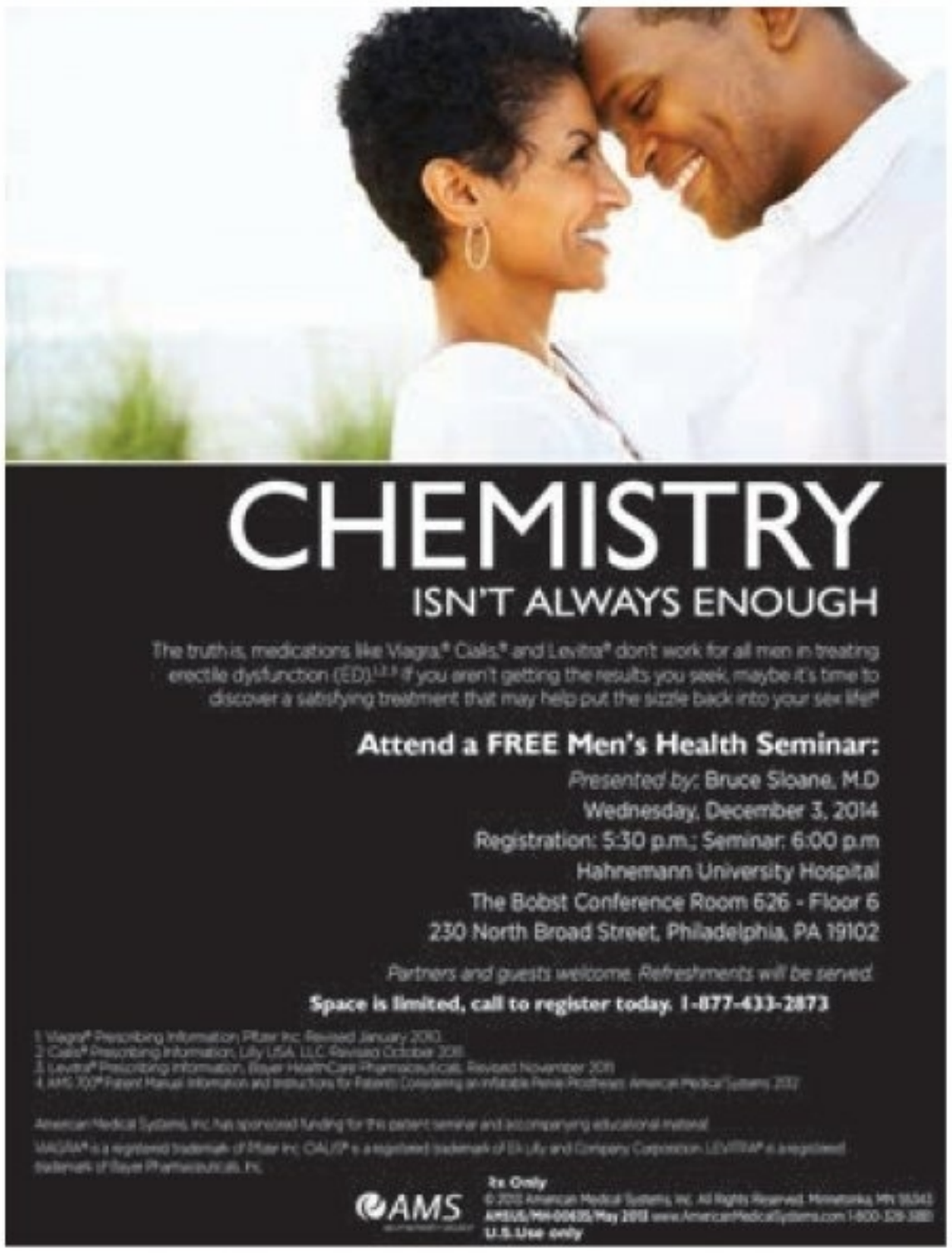
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Deadline looms

Iran, powers eye extension of nuclear talks

Iran, the United States and other world powers were discussing Sunday an extension to today's deadline for a deal to resolve a 12-year standoff over Tehran's atomic ambitions, Western and Iranian officials said.

The talks in Vienna aim for an accord that could transform the Middle East, open the door to ending economic sanctions on Iran and start to bring a nation of 76 million people in from the cold after decades of hostility with the West.

But sources confirmed what officials close to the talks have been predicting privately for weeks: that a final deal is still too far off to hammer out by the deadline. REUTERS

Push. Iraqi forces retake two towns from ISIL

Iraqi forces said on Sunday they retook two towns north of Baghdad from Islamic State fighters, driving them from strongholds they had held for months and clearing a main road from the capital to Iran.

There was no independent confirmation that the army, Shi'ite militia and Kurdish peshmerga forces had completely retaken Jalawla and Saadiya, about 70 miles northeast of Baghdad. Many residents fled the violence long ago.

At least 23 peshmerga and militia fighters were killed and dozens were wounded in Sunday's fighting, medical and army sources said.

Iraq's Shi'ite-led government, backed by U.S.-led air strikes, has been trying to push back the Islamic State since it swept through mainly Sunni Muslim provinces of northern Iraq in June, meeting virtually no resistance. Last week, the army broke a months-long siege of the country's largest refinery north of Baghdad, but Islamic State fighters continue to take territory in the western province of Anbar. REUTERS

A member of the Iraqi forces takes part in an operation against ISIL. / GETTY IMAGES

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Today, Jaden Smith knows what girls like, Willow Smith is giving another dissertation, John Stamos is pondering, Kristin Chenoweth misses her dog and Jim Carrey is looking out for you.

@officialjaden: Girls Don't Like Gentlemen

@OfficialWillow: love is the only thing we can perceive that transcends all dimensions

@JohnStamos: Pregunta? Are there so many successful dating websites because relationships often don't work out? Hmmm.

@KChenoweth: I will tell you. When I miss my dog. My heart actually breaks.

@JimCarrey: I wish you all freedom from self concern.

Gwyneth Paltrow fires back at 'jailbird' Martha Stewart

JAILBIRD CAKE / GOOP

In possibly the most stuffy, Hamptons-bred move yet, Gwyneth Paltrow and Martha Stewart have apparently decided they're going to play out their ongoing feud with the WASP-iest weapon of all: clever recipes. Last month, Stewart presented a selection of holiday pies in her magazine with the headline "Conscious Coupling," a dig at Paltrow's awkward divorce announcement. So Paltrow's camp has fired back now by posting a recipe on Goop for "Jailbird Cake," apparently a dig at Stewart's time behind bars. "The folks at Goop know how to have some fun too," a source tells People magazine. "If Martha served up the appetizer, the Jailbird Cake is just desserts." We're sure they're both home cackling over a cup of organic herbal tea.

Andy Cohen outs Kevin Spacey

Bravo honcho and "Watch What Happens Live" host Andy Cohen probably shouldn't expect Kevin Spacey on his show anytime soon, at least not since Cohen implores Spacey to come out of the closet in his new memoir, "The Andy Cohen Diaries: A Deep Look at a Shallow Year." Cohen recounts running into Spacey — who has dodged questions about his sexuality for years — at the U.S. Open in 2013. "Kevin Spacey was in front of us with what looked like a face full of makeup and three male companions who were definitely not raising any questions," Cohen writes. "I still get enraged when I think about him talking about being in love with that woman on '60 Minutes.' Come out, sir."

Cohen. Inset: Spacey with long-term (ex) girlfriend Dianne Dreyer.

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Natalie Dormer wants more male nudity on 'Game of Thrones'

The HBO hit "Game of Thrones" isn't known for modesty when it comes to nude scenes, but at least one of the show's stars thinks there's some imbalance in exactly what flesh is on display. Simply put, Natalie Dormer wants to see more man meat next season. "Well, during the first season, [co-stars] Alfie [Allen], Richard [Madden] and several of the men got naked — although not all the way," Dormer, who also stars in the new "Hunger Games" movie, tells The Daily Beast. "I think 'Thrones' has been better than your average show with the equality, but they could definitely ramp it up. Absolutely." Should we start a petition or something?

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'Back Home Ballers'

The ladies of "Saturday Night Live" are at it again, bringing hip-hop realness to their visit home for the holidays. Like last year's epic "(Do It On My) Twin Bed," the new "Back Home Ballers" features the show's solid female cast-members — along with guest Cameron Diaz — going big and going home. It's just what you need to get psyched up for this week's Thanksgiving visit.

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Box office. 'Mockingjay' ever so slightly disappoints by making 'only' $123 million

"The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 1" tallied $123 million in ticket sales to top weekend box office charts and score the year's biggest U.S. opening, according to studio estimates.

The third installment of the blockbuster "Hunger Games" franchise starring Jennifer Lawrence added a further $152 million at overseas box offices for a global opening weekend tally of $275 million.

"Mockingjay" took in $17 million at Thursday night showings for the year's best Thursday total, but the film fell short of industry forecasts for about $148 million through Sunday.

The first "Hunger Games" took in $152.5 million on its opening weekend in 2012, according to Boxofficemojo.

In "Mockingjay," Lawrence plays Katniss Everdeen, the defiant young archer who becomes the face of a mass rebellion in a dystopian post-apocalyptic society.

Donald Sutherland's evil President Snow doesn't have a very intimidating surname. / MURRAY CLOSE

Lionsgate, the studio behind "The Hunger Games" series, split author Suzanne Collins' final book in her science fiction trilogy into two movies, with the next set for release in 2015.

The latest chapter received "fresh" ratings from two-thirds of reviewers in aggregator site Rotten-tomatoes, while audiences gave the film an A-minus rating.

Walt Disney's animated action film "Big Hero 6" was second, with ticket sales of $20.1 million for the three days from Friday through Sunday, pushing its three-week total to $135.7 million.

Director Christopher Nolan's space adventure "Interstellar" was third with $15.1 million at U.S. and Canadian box offices. It has taken in $120.6 million since opening on Nov. 5.

Last weekend's top movie "Dumb and Dumber To" fell to fourth with $13.8 million in ticket sales. David Fincher's hit "Gone Girl" took in $2.8 million to round out the top five.

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Top 5 earners

1. 'The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 1' $123 million
2. 'Big Hero 6' $20.1 million
3. 'Interstellar' $15.1 million
4. 'Dumb and Dumber To' $13.8 million
5. 'Gone Girl' $2.8 million

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Meryl Streep and Jack Nicholson won't grow old together in "Heartburn." / PROVIDED

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'Heartburn'

Netflix Instant

Mike Nichols, who passed away last week at 83, was a man of diverse talents — a comic who became a theater and film director, and excelled at all three. Even the films he made were all over the place: His debut, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?", is very different from its follow-up, "The Graduate" (also on Instant). Neither are like "Heartburn," his 1986 take on Nora Ephron's scathing roman-a-clef. Meryl Streep plays an Ephron-esque food journo who watches as her power couple union with a Carl Bernstein stand-in (Jack Nicholson) crumbles spectacularly.

When he started out, Nichols was one of the most progressive stylists in Hollywood. A couple failed projects led to a shocking eight-year hiatus from movies, minus a Gilda Radner performance film. When he returned, with the Streep-led "Silkwood," he'd calmed down considerably; the remainder of his work was subdued, even deceptively plain. Where he really flexed his muscle was in tone. He had the right mix of humor and sensitivity to nail Ephron's funny-painful account of being suddenly single. Watch it with someone you hate.

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JACKIE CHAN IN "POLICE STORY" PROVIDED

'Police Story'

No one queues up Jackie Chan movies for the stories, so we won't bother explaining the one in this 1985 benchmark. All you need to know is it's the one with the big, climactic mall tussle, which features him making funny-violent poetry out of a clothing rack and other shopping fixtures.

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'Nebraska'

Epix caught some heat not long ago when it aired a color version of Alexander Payne's estranged father-son road trip film. Admittedly, the intended black-and-white looks too digital, but it still makes fine use of drab Midwestern locales — a fine backdrop for a taciturn geezer (Bruce Dern) to torture his sad-sack son (Will Forte).

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Cinderella gets her groove back

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"Cinderella" is coming to the Academy of Music this week, and it's not quite the fairy tale you remember.

In this version, fresh off Broadway, the title character isn't content to let the prince call the shots.

"She has more power. She makes her own decisions. She chooses to meet the prince, and then she tries to make the prince see the problems going on in the kingdom," says Blake Hammond, who plays Sebastian, a new character created for this production.

Some of the plot and characters might be new, but the familiar songs from the original Rodgers and Hammerstein show are still intact.

"It's a new version of a classic story," Hammond says, "but you still get the satisfaction of the Cinderella you know: The pumpkin still turns into a carriage."

Hammond's Sebastian raised Prince Topher after the king and queen died, and now he's ready to get something in return. For character actor Hammond, who's starred in nine shows on Broadway and several tours, it was a fun departure from his usual roles. "Sebastian is not a good guy," Hammond says. "He's in cahoots with the stepmother. He's a little darker. I don't usually play the darker roles, but it's fun to be manipulative."

That isn't to say Hammond usually plays a jovial sidekick. He's portrayed everyone from bald, deathly pale, creepy Uncle Fester in "The Addams Family" to bewigged, padded, over-the-top (and female) Edna Turnblad in "Hairspray."

"As a character actor," he says, "You transform."

Blake Hammond as Sebastian (inset) tries to come between Paige Faure's Cinderella Andy Jones' Prince Topher. / CAROL ROSEGG

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Hammond will be in Philly over the holiday, away from his family in Texas — but, like all actors, he's used to that, he says. And there's an upside to touring: You can't fall into a rut.

"When you're in a Broadway show for two years, every day is the same. You come in, go to the same room, sit in the same exact chair to get ready," he explains. "Touring, it's a new challenge every week: You get to go to a new theater on Tuesday, meet your new dressers, figure out how long it takes you to get to your entrance and across the stage. It keeps it fresh."

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Interview. The Travel Channel's latest covers the real reason we travel — to sample all the different kinds of booze the world has to offer.

What's your dream job? Even if traveling the world learning about different national drinks isn't No. 1 on your list, it's probably on there. Lucky for Jack Maxwell, that's just what he gets to do as host of the Travel Channel's new show, "Booze Traveler." The South Boston native has gone all over the world, from Mongolia to Peru, to learn about national drinks and customs. The resulting hour-long program begins tonight, with each episode focusing on an individual country.

In your time in Southie, did you work in any of the big bars in the neighborhood?

I worked in most of them on Broadway, but it's probably not what you think. When I was a little kid, I asked for a shoe shine box for my birthday, and I got it. So I would go into bar rooms and shine shoes until I left there at just about 13. I would listen to these guys and their great stories and I realized how these normal, average, everyday, blue-collar people transformed when they had a couple of cocktails. I learned about alcohol's magic socializing effect — the lubrication that it provides to help us, at least in this case, be who they wanted to be.

Had you traveled much before this?

I go to some of these places for the very first time and I have real, true experiences and reactions to that. Like most of us, before I'd go to these places, I'd have ideas in my head of what it might be like, and I was never right. Never. It was almost always more adventurous, wonderful and spectacular than I thought — or it was just different than I imagined it would be.

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Taste test

Strange brews

What was the most unexpected drink you faced?

Spit beer in Peru was very unexpected.

What's spit beer?

Pretty much what it sounds like. The women of the tribe get together. They chew up this potato-like thing, because there are 330 varieties of potato in Peru, so this is one of them, and they spit it into a big bowl, and then it ferments, and then you drink it. ... Frog in a blender was certainly unexpected.

What's frog in a blender?

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GOSSIP MAKES EVERYONE INVOLVED A VICTIM

A friend recently criticized me for being a gossip. And while it's kinda true, is it really so bad? How can I hurt someone else if they don't know what I'm saying? And doesn't everybody do it?

Taylor Swift may have gossip swirling around her all the time, but unlike the average person, she also has endless ways to dispel a rumor. Or she can just write a thinly veiled song about it. / GETTY IMAGES

Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people." One can only wonder what she would have made of two recent sociological studies.

One posits that two-thirds of all conversations are about other people, whether it's dishing dirt, expressing likes and dislikesht or sharing personal anecdotes. The other suggests that gossip maintains social order by keeping people from stepping out of line — in other words, hearing about other people's mistakes helps you learn what's socially unacceptable and avoid similar missteps, like dating known cheaters or doing something that might get you fired.

Despite such studies, I can't help but agree with the late first lady. First, social conformity is overrated. Some of history's greatest artists and inventors were major rule-breakers (think Bob Dylan and Steve Jobs). Second, and more important, gossip does more damage than good in the realm of relationships.

The subject

Gossip leads people to make assumptions about a person based on limited, second-hand information that may exclude critical details about extenuating circumstances and motivations. The danger is that people may jump to erroneous conclusions.

The listener

Hearing gossip colors how the listener views the person being discussed. One possible outcome is that the listener may decide not to seek out a social or professional connection with someone they might otherwise like if they had been given the chance to form their own, unbiased opinion.

The gossiper

When you diminish another person, especially to make yourself look better, you're really demeaning yourself. Plus, people may stop trusting you with personal information.

Sure, many people indulge in gossip. Even I can't resist a juicy morsel from time to time (though it always leaves a bitter aftertaste). Yet "everybody does it" has never been a good reason to do anything. Next time you feel tempted to dish a little dirt, consider where it will land. Will it cause more harm than good? Then, find something more worthwhile to talk about.

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Health notes

Kissing transfers 80 million bacteria

On the face of it, this doesn't seem like the most romantic fact about kissing.

Before you pucker up, keep this in mind: Smooching for 10 seconds can transfer as many as 80 million bacteria.

In a recent study out of the Netherlands, researchers questioned 21 couples about their kissing behavior and frequency of intimate kissing. From there, the study subjects' mouths were swabbed, revealing that couples who kissed more frequently shared similar salivary germs.

Researchers concluded, somewhat romantically, that the more a couple kisses, the more alike they are in terms of their mouth bacteria.

"Intimate kissing involving full tongue contact and saliva exchange appears to be a courtship behavior unique to humans and is common in over 90 percent of known cultures," lead author Remco Kort said in a statement.

Couples are more alike than they realize — even on the microscopic level. / LIGHTWAVEMEDIA

Meditation shown to benefit breast cancer survivors

"Mind over matter" is a saying that seems to get tossed about freely about most any obstacle, whether the challenge is mental or physical. But new research is trumping up the legitimacy of the mind-body connection.

In a recent study, 88 Canadian breast cancer survivors were split up into three groups: One participated in mindfulness meditation, another took part in supportive talk therapy, and the third completed one six-hour stress management seminar.

When compared with the women in the meditation group, the others demonstrated advanced cell aging.

The researchers theorized that breast cancer survivors who practice mindfulness meditation may be reaping the benefits at a cellular level.

"[Mindfulness meditation] is about being more present in the moment, rather than dwelling on the past or worrying about the future," said principal investigator Dr. Linda E. Carlson.

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Globalization. An in-depth look at students from abroad

Students from across the globe have been drawn to American colleges and universities for generations, but little has been written about the impact these temporary residents have had on their schools and the country at large.

A new report by the Institute of International Education takes a deeper look at these students, who now number over 20 million.

Here are three intriguing things the researchers found:

The financial impact of international students is considerable.
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1 Nearly one out of three international students is from China: Chinese students are increasingly heading to the U.S. to further their education. Since the year 2000, the number of Chinese nationals enrolled in American universities has quintupled, and they now make up 31 percent of the international student population.

2 The students' economic impact has also skyrocketed: Because many international students don't qualify for financial aid or other scholarships, they often end up paying full tuition. The IIE found that in the last decade and a half, the amount of money these scholars have put into the economy (through tuition, books, travel and housing) has tripled — going from $9 billion in 2000 to $27 billion today.

3 International students are rarely unique on campus: While foreign students were often very rare on campus decades ago, that is no longer the case. There are currently more than 230 colleges that are each home to more than 1,000 foreign students.

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HOW TO DEAL WITH A HORRIBLE BOSS

You don't have to feel hopeless at work. / HEMERA

If you're among the 84 percent of global workers who think you can do a better job than your manager, per data from a Monster survey, you're not alone. But what happens when your boss is firmly intact in his or her role and you feel stuck?

As "Horrible Bosses 2" gets released this week, we're reminded of the plethora of wretched bosses right down to Jennifer Aniston's role as a seducer boss. The good news? You're never truly trapped. Here are a few ways to get yourself out of a horrible situation.

How to spot one

There are a few red flags during the interview that your boss will be a stinker. See if they're punctual for the interview; do they respect your time? If they don't give you their undivided attention during the interview, don't expect to ever get it later on.

Ask yourself

Is your boss horrible?

Do they provide you with clarity regarding what it takes to succeed on the job? Do they demonstrate anger toward employees, even slamming doors? Ask key questions like what it takes to succeed and carefully watch behavior, nonverbal cues included.

How to ditch one

If your boss seems horrid after you're hired or if you inherit a wretched boss once you're already on the job, you have some options.

The first is to find a new job. The wrong boss can make your job and life miserable, killing your self-esteem. Look internally and externally. Your success and happiness at work ultimately point to who you work for.

Your next option? Deal with it and hope that you or your boss gets promoted or transferred. This can be torturous, though — you deserve better.

If the situation crosses the line to harassment, another option is to sue, but it's not so easy. Albert Rizzo, principal attorney for the Law Offices of Albert Rizzo, P.C., a firm practicing employment law and litigation in New York, explains, "The decision whether or not to sue is difficult and is a personal one. The employee needs to weigh many factors, including the possibility of losing the case after many years of litigation and potential monetary cost."

He adds, "Today it is very easy for a prospective employer to check on a prospective employee's litigious background — and if there is an employment suit in the background, it may close the door on any potential hire."

Ask for help

What about HR?

Another option that is typically dead-end involves human resources. Yes, HR is technically the watchdog of the organization to serve this very purpose, but in reality, it's not effective in this role. Politics come into play and there's gray area when it comes to proof.

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6141 LANCASTER AVE, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19151
AUCTION DATE: 12/8/14 TIME: 9:00 AM

WILBERT MCCLENDON 1002, TIMELLE DUCKETT 1012, WANDA JOHNSON 1014, TERREL WHITING 1114, PAUL HUGHES 1123, EBONI BROWN 1124, AUDREY HELEM 1125, ANTIONETTE DEVORE 1127, GREGORY BRIGHT 1229, EUNICE ROUNDTREE 1236, LORETTA BOYKIN 1244, EVERETT LEE MCCOY 1308, NORVIA SCOTT 1409, WAKEEN MOORE 1608, JULIEN KANE 1610, DAISHELL DENSLER 1611, SHONDA SCOTT 1626, SANDRA ADEJORO 1629

U-HAUL MOVING & STORAGE OF CHESTER
1600 HIGHLAND AVE, CHESTER, PA 19013
AUCTION DATE: 12/9/14 TIME: 9:00 AM

FRANK HILL 106, DERRICK GRAVES 107, DAVID CLEMENTS 118, DAVID CLEMENTS 138, TYESHA TILGHMAN 238, EARL PEARSALL JR 242, BARBARA MIELCAREK 265, KRISTIFER CARTER 266, BRENDA TRINKLE 305, SHERLOTTI DALE 333, MARSHALL JACKSON 336, DAISY WILLIAMS-MASON 349, JASMINE DIAZ 354, DAVID GROVES 368, ARNOLD BUTLER 413, TASHA MIXON 435, KENYETT JOHNSON 461, MICHAEL WALSH 481, WILLIAM NOWAK 505, PATRICIA GLOVER-HARRIS 508, COURTNEY WILLIS 514, MYNESHA DIXON 531, CHARLIE D DIXON II 537, EDWARD THOMPSON 551, HILDA PAGAN 565, ANGELA GERMANY 567, LYDIA ELAM 571, LASHINA SWEEPER 573, LATRECE GREEN 589, LESLIE STAPLES 606, ALIY ALI-EL 610, LENCY WHITAKER 633, ERIC BAZIS 638, MARLA MICHELLE FRISBY 658, VERNA BLAND 653-55, DAVID LOCKWOOD 663, TATIANA BIDDLE 677, KEITH BERNARD JR 687, EDWARD BOYD 715, KHALIF POLK 726, KAVONNE RICHARDSON 731, ERIC BAZIS 740, HENRY HARRIS 819, PHYLLIS HENSON 834, KHALIAH PARKER 862, DENAE CRAIG 870, CHRISTOPHER BURTON 875, LEOLA LEWIS 876

U-HAUL MOVING & STORAGE AT WEST OREGON AVE & 24TH ST 2990 S 20TH ST., PHILADELPHIA, PA 19145
AUCTION DATE: 12/8/14 TIME: 12:00 PM

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U-HAUL MOVING & STORAGE OF SOUTH PHILADELPHIA
1015-25 S 12TH ST., PHILADELPHIA, PA 19147
AUCTION DATE: 12/9/14 TIME: 12:30 PM

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Horoscope

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. There is money to be made. Talk to your financial adviser and go over your options. It will take diligence.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Steer clear of anyone who is looking for a donation or handout. It's important that you look out for your best interests.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Find a market for your skills. Follow your passion, whatever it is. Networking and research will help you discover how to bring your talents to the forefront.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Rely on a loved one to help you see your situation clearly. Don't jump at the first opportunity. Take your time.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. You are known for your generosity, but you will have to learn to say no if you want to avoid money problems. Give your time, but nothing more.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Love is on the rise. Make plans that could help you meet someone new or let you get to know an interesting party a little better.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. If someone is looking for more than you are willing to give, it may be time to rethink the connection.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. It's important to recognize and appreciate what you have. The chase for bigger and better things can make you lose sight of the present.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Your hard work will pay off. A get-together will give you a welcome break and provide an opportunity to brag about your progress. A challenge will excite you.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Too much idle time will lead to boredom. Start a new hobby. An older relative will offer insight that will help you move forward.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Pick up the pace and lift your spirits. A short jaunt to an unusual destination will give your mind something new to think about.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. All work and no play will hinder you mentally and physically. Focus on activities that will help you rejuvenate. EUGENIA LAST

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Letters

The time is ripe to negotiate

Re: 'Immigration plan lawful, Obama says' (Metro, Nov. 21-23) Give 'em hell, Mr. President! He did what he had to do, since the Republican House was unwilling or unable to do anything. This whole sordid saga reinforces the old adage, "Those who can, do; those who can't, bitch" — which is what the Republicans will do for the rest of the year — and then some.
RICHARD ZIEGENFUSS, VIA EMAIL

President Obama wants to suspend deportations of undocumented immigrants, such as those who have children who are U.S. citizens, which seems a humanitarian thing to do. If he had acted when Democrats controlled both houses of Congress, he could have passed a comprehensive immigration bill then, so the present impasse is his own fault. So let the Republicans allow a temporary suspension of deportations, and in exchange, Obama will OK the Keystone pipeline, roll back oppressive EPA regulations that Republicans hate, etc. In other words, Mr. President, you can't have your own way all the time, so do some negotiating.
GEORGE CHRISTIAN JR., VIA EMAIL

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16 Vegas rival
17 Picnic dessert
19 Write back
21 Near the stern
22 Shoulder enhancers
23 Poet's black
25 Minority group
27 Reveals
31 Napped leathers
35 Rush off
36 Dog plaints
38 Baha'i devotee
39 Pac-10 team
41 Get some rest
43 Miniblind part
44 Nostalgic look
46 Pine for
48 — — glance
49 Spanish kingdom
51 More wilted
53 Indiana neighbor
55 Fictional pirate
56 Ollie's partner
59 Tool set
61 Urbana 11
65 Famed alchemist
68 Far East land
69 Perfectly timed (2 wds.)
70 Cut some slack
71 Waffle brand
72 Try a mouthful
73 A memorable Scott
74 As well

Down
1 City near Granada
2 Large vases
3 Scowl
4 Water-ski gear
5 Bikini half
6 Wall pier
7 Reduces sail
8 Tire support
9 Kings' staffs
10 "Home Again" host Bob
11 Go slow
12 Thesaurus wds.
13 Distinct period
18 66 and I-80
20 Online auction
24 "Country Grammar" rapper
26 — bono?
27 Kirk's lieutenant
28 More genial
29 Greek letter
30 Zoom
32 The One-L Lama
33 Related to mom
34 Raga lute
37 Grills a steak
40 Shipmate of Jason
42 Vowed
45 Aah's companion
47 Caroler's tune
50 Running shoe name
52 BB shot
54 Helped the Tin Man
56 Leopard feature
57 Blue Nile source
58 Orbit segments
60 Bygone despot
62 Othello's betrayer
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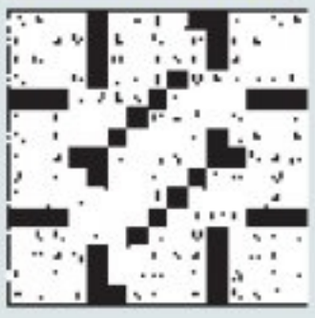

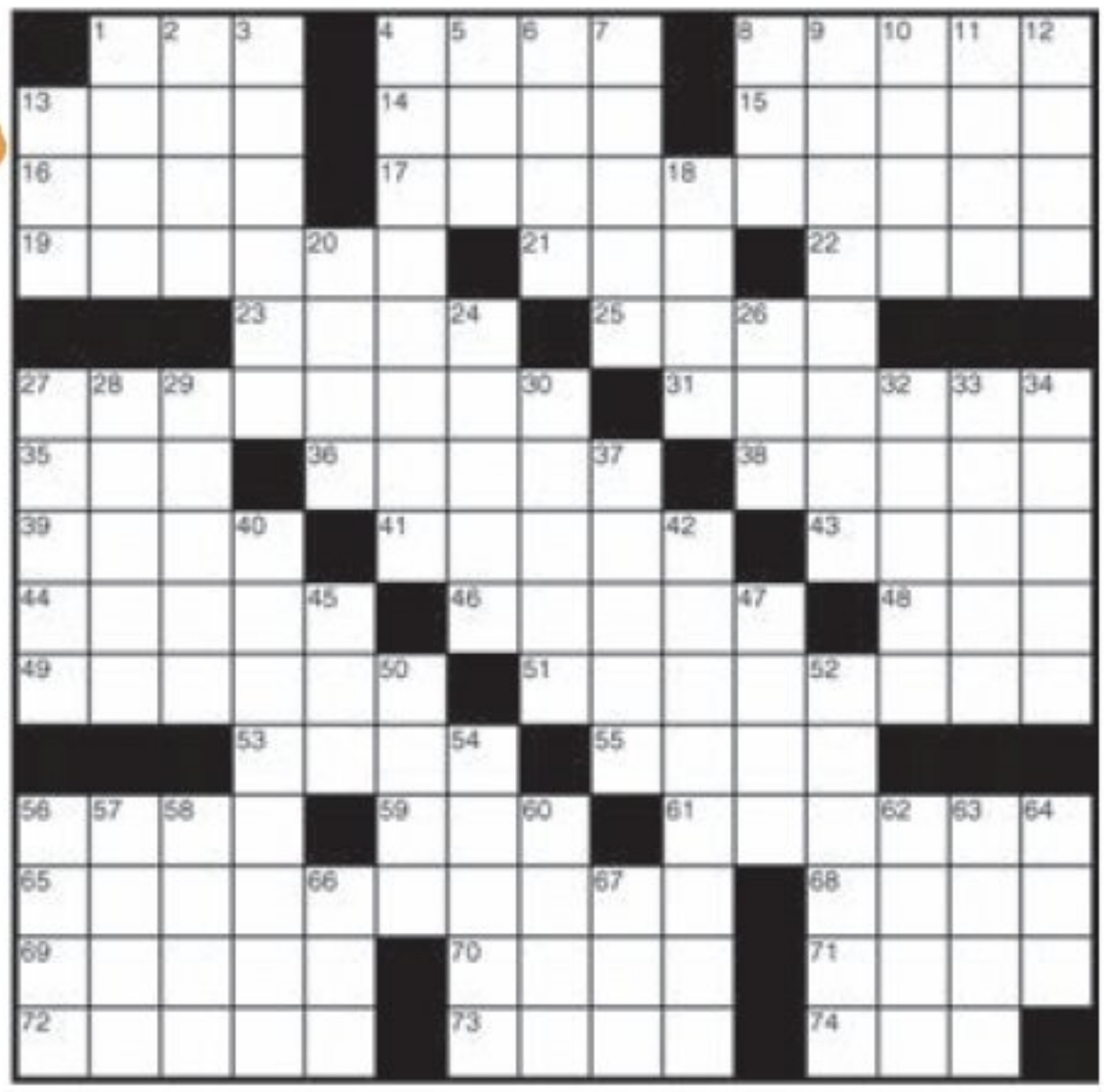

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3 SPORTS

Is McCoy back?

McCoy climbing Eagles ladder

With his first-half touchdown Sunday, LeSean McCoy moved into second place on the Eagles all-time touchdown list for running backs. He also finally put up numbers that resembled his career year in 2013. His 6.2 yards per carry against Tennessee helped the Eagles win the time of possession battle and also opened up the passing game for Mark Sanchez.

McCoy, Eagles win to stay perfect at Linc

NFL. Special teams and the running game helped lift the Birds to a perfect 6-0 at home.

The Eagles have a short rest this week, as the team will travel to Dallas on Thursday. / GETTY IMAGES

The Eagles tore off the shackles of last week's embarrassment in Green Bay with a 43-24 win over Tennessee at home Sunday.

The win included an impressive offensive performance that saw LeSean McCoy regain his league-leading form from a year ago. The running back ran the ball 21 times for 130 yards and a touchdown.

"I thought our guys did a good job up front," coach Chip Kelly said. "I thought LeSean did a good job hitting the hole today."

The Birds made their commitment to the run clear throughout the game. They relied on McCoy and also got intermittent contributions from Darren Sproles and Chris Polk.

Sunday's win assures the team of at least a piece of first place in the NFC East.

The score would've been even more lopsided had Philly, especially quarterback Mark Sanchez, been able to keep from turning the ball over. The Eagles are one of the worst teams in all of football in giveaways and Sanchez's two interceptions were only redeemed by two recovered fumbles and a special teams unit that got the fireworks started just seconds into the game.

Josh Huff made history on the opening kickoff, taking Ryan Succop's opening boot 107 yards to the house to immediately put the Birds up 7-0. The scamper, a new Eagles record, was the 10th Eagles non-offensive touchdown of the year.

"I think it sets a unique tone," Huff said, "especially after how we performed last week, we want to come out with energy and give [our fans] a show."

Not long after, Darren Sproles scored from four yards out to get the Eagles in the end zone for a second time in the first quarter, opening up a 14-0 lead, a lead that would eventually expand to 19 points, their final margin of victory.

The Birds' defense appeared to be back to normal in the victory, harassing the Tennessee offensive line and sacking quarterback Zach Mettenberger five times.

Connor Barwin had two sacks to up his season total to 12.5. He also forced a fumble.

Though the D at times allowed some big offensive gains Titans tight end Delanie Walker and wide receiver Kendall Wright, the Birds stepped up when they had to. Just prior to the two- minute warning, Brandon Boykins added an interception, his first of the year.

Quoted

"We talk about starting fast but you can't get a faster start than that. Both teams are excited ... and when you take the opening kickoff back it's got to take wind out of your sails."

Chip Kelly, on the Eagles opening the game with a kickoff returned for a touchdown

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Huff also returned a kickoff for a touchdown in the preseason against the Bears. / GETTY IMAGES

Huff's redemption makes Birds' history

NFL. Josh Huff gave the Eagles a spark and made a statement with his 107-yard return.

More often than not, Eagles head coach Chip Kelly elects to defer the opening kickoff in favor of getting the ball to start the second half.

But for some reason against the Titans on Sunday he wanted the ball first. And 10 seconds later, after the longest play in the history of the franchise, the Birds led 7-0.

"I'm not going to let those guys down," Josh Huff said. "They cleared the way for me and I wanted to get into the end zone and celebrate."

Huff is just the latest Eagle to contribute a non-offensive touchdown — the team has a remarkable 10 of them through 11 games.

The 107-yard return to start the game was a resounding show of faith by Kelly in Huff, his former Oregon pupil and a player who has had a very slow start to his NFL career. Especially when Chris Polk, who has a kickoff returned for a touchdown himself, was passed over to start the game (though Polk would field a few kickoff returns himself before the 43-24 romping of Tennessee was through).

Huff has made his share of drops and mistakes this season, but the third-round pick is slowly rounding into form as a versatile NFL receiver and return man.

"He has great speed and also he's got some size to him," Kelly said of Huff. "The kicker got a shot at him and he threw a stiff arm and then the safety came over to him, he's got a physical nature to him and he's good with his hands."

The credit though, Huff says, goes to his teammates.

"It was a great setup by my teammates," the speedster said. "There were one-on-one blocks up front, they executed well and they made a hole for me."

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Birds by the numbers

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The Eagles have a franchise-record and league-leading 10 non-offensive touchdowns this year.

5
The Eagles had five sacks vs. the Titans on Sunday. Connor Barwin has a career high 12.5 so far this year after his fourth multisack game of the season.

10
Ten is also the number of consecutive wins at home for the Eagles.

985
Mark Sanchez has 985 passing yards in his first three starts with the Eagles.

17
Cody Parkey snapped a streak of 17 straight field goals Sunday.

36.7
The Eagles are averaging 36.7 points at home.

Around the NFL

The Packers are finally back in the driver's seat in the NFC North as they took care of business against the Vikings and the Patriots ripped the Lions.

- **Packers 24, Vikings 21**
Packers running back Eddie Lacy is getting hot at the right time as his 125 yards rushing on 25 carries allowed Green Bay to pick up a road win. Lacy had a touchdown run and a touchdown catch.

- **Patriots 34, Lions 9**
For the third straight game, the Patriots (9-2) dominated a possible contender as they bashed the Lions (7-4) in Foxboro. Julian Edelman had a team-high 11 catches and Tim Wright found the end zone twice.

- **Bengals 22, Texans 13**
The Bengals (7-3-1) are starting to play like it's September, and that's a very good thing. Wide receiver A.J. Green is rounding back into form, catching 12 balls for 121 yards in Cincy's road victory.

- **Bears 21, Buccaneers 13**
Matt Forte and the Bears (5-6) got the best of former head coach Lovie Smith in his return to Chicago. The running back ran for 89 yards on 23 carries and found the end zone twice.

- **Browns 26, Falcons 24**
Brian Hoyer was picked off three times and finished with a 52.3 QB rating, but the Browns quarterback conducted a seven-play, 61-yard scoring drive with 44 seconds left to lift Cleveland to 7-4.

- **Colts 23, Jaguars 3**
It's safe to say that Colts wide receiver T.Y. Hilton will remember Nov. 23, 2014 for the rest of his life as he caught four balls for 122 yards and a touchdown just hours after his wife gave birth to a baby girl.

- **49ers 17, Redskins 13**
San Francisco scored its first fourth-quarter touchdown, a Carlos Hyde four-yard scamper, to dash Washington's upset hopes with 2:59 remaining Sunday afternoon.

- **Seahawks 19, Cardinals 3**
In a battle of touch NFC West defenses, Russell Wilson withstood seven sacks and led the Seahawks past the first-place Cardinals.

- **Broncos 39, Dolphins 36**
Miami led the Broncos 28-17 heading into the fourth quarter, but Peyton Manning and the Denver offense ripped off 22 points in the final 15 minutes.

Eddie Lacy was dominant against Minnesota Sunday. / GETTY IMAGES

Laughton gives Flyers a look into the future

NHL. Flyers prospect Scott Laughton is slowly and quietly making his case for a spot on the NHL roster.

Scott Laughton is the forgotten first-round pick.

Selected 20th overall by the Philadelphia Flyers in the 2012 entry draft, the center has taken a backseat to the two heralded defensemen that were picked by the club in the past two years. Sam Morin, who has been compared to Chris Pronger and almost broke camp with the team, was drafted eighth overall in 2013, while 2014 selection Travis Sanheim impressed the brass in training camp.

Meanwhile, Laughton flew under the radar despite a solid camp and was sent to the Lehigh Valley Phantoms. However, the 20-year-old is slowly reentering the picture.

After posting six goals and 11 points in 13 games with the Phantoms, he was called up by the Flyers on Tuesday night as a fill-in for Claude Giroux, who was expected to miss Wednesday and Thursday's game with a lower body injury but ended up playing.

Laughton played just seven minutes against the Rangers on Wednesday but was given 10:53 of ice time on Thursday against the Wild and made it count. He finished with three shots, another three that were blocked, a takeaway and won four-of-six faceoffs. In Saturday's win over the Blue Jackets, he was on the ice for almost 13 minutes and had three shots and six hits.

"Yeah, I felt good," he said Thursday. "I thought I was skating pretty well and I tried to be physical."

Laughton centered Vinny Lecavalier and R.J. Umberger on the third line and left a good impression.

"I thought Scott played really well," Flyers coach Craig Berube said. "He skated, competed and had a heavy stick."

Although it's only a small sample size so far, Laughton has made it difficult for the Flyers to send him back to the Phantoms.

And he is shedding the forgotten label as well.

"He was outstanding [Thursday]," Jakub Voracek said. "He was great defensively, was skating very well, was confident on the puck and [is showing] he is a really good player."

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Scott Laughton has slowly been proving he's ready for life in the NHL. / GETTY IMAGES

Looking ahead

Philadelphia has an important stretch ahead, starting Monday in New York.

- Needing to keep ground in the Metropolitan Division, the Flyers travel to Long Island to face the Islanders Monday at 7 p.m.

Flyers of old

Desjardins next to be honored

When Eric Lindros and John LeClair were inducted into the Philadelphia Flyers Hall of Fame last Thursday before the Flyers' game against the Wild, Eric Desjardins was a special guest.

In a couple of months, Desjardins will be the guest of honor.

The Flyers are inducting the former defenseman into the Hall on Feb. 19. And after a preview of what's to come, the good-natured Desjardins felt his former teammates set a high bar.

"I have a lot of pressure on me now, [they] gave some really long speeches," Desjardins said, laughing. "No, it's nice to be here and see those two guys inducted and how it's going to be. It was pretty emotional for them. I can't imagine how it's going to be when it's my turn."

He loved the atmosphere in the building and was taken aback by the entire evening.

"I didn't know it was that big of a ceremony," Desjardins said. "Now, it makes me even more nervous."

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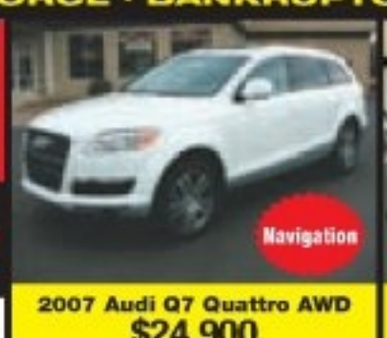

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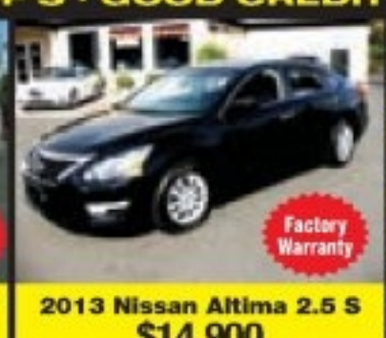

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